



# Council Coordination Committee

## Administration Activities on Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning & National Ocean Council -- Update

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# National Ocean Policy - Update

- National Ocean Council
- 9 National Priority Objectives
- Framework for Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)



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*Final Recommendations  
Of The  
Interagency Ocean Policy  
Task Force  
July 19, 2010*

# CMSP: A Regional Planning Process

## Regional Planning Bodies

State, Tribal, and  
Federal representatives  
with authorities  
relevant to CMSP

## CMSP Process

CMS  
Plan

### Coordination/Engagement

- Local Authorities
- Indigenous Community Reps

### Engagement

- Stakeholders
- Scientists & Technical Experts
- Public

*New: Regional Fishery  
Management Councils*



# Formation of Regional Planning Bodies

## When

- Invitation letters and guidance on membership being sent to governors and tribes on a tiered basis (NE, Mid-Atlantic in March/April; other regions later)

## Membership

- Federal, State, and Tribal Representation
- Each RPB will have Federal, State, and Tribal co-leads
- Representation from fishery councils approved

## What

- Each RPB will prepare a CMS Plan for their region
- CMSP Process will be stakeholder-informed
- CMSP will be science-based



# National Ocean Policy: Progress

## NOP Implementation Plan drafted

- Released for public comment from January – March 2012; target final draft by end of May 2012

## NE Regional Ocean Planning Workshop March 2012

- The Northeast Regional Ocean Council convened 200 ocean industry members, government agencies (federal, state, tribal, local), academics and non-profit organizations to discuss the opportunities and challenges of regional ocean planning in New England waters.

## Pacific Northwest Policy Workshop April 2012

- NOP Workshop for 1.5 days in Seattle, sponsored by NGOs on how can the PNW work together to assist in implementing the NOP on the West Coast.



# Ecosystem Science – A Council and NOP Shared Vision

- Important habitats, assemblages and populations
- Key oceanographic and ecological processes
- Linkages and connectivity among areas
- Provision of ecosystem services
- Cumulative impacts
- Vulnerability and thresholds



# Recent NOP Changes

- New NOC Director appointed – Deerin Babb-Brott
- Regional Planning Bodies –NOC completing guidance, release expected soon
- NOAA Leadership changes– Eric Schwaab, NOAA's rep to NOC Deputies Committee
- NOAA CMSP efforts – no specific funding; budget reductions across much of NOAA





# Regional Ocean Partnership Grants

- FY11 ROP Grants
  - \$6.18 million was awarded through 9 grants
  - Two categories of activities were supported:
    - 1) implementation of a regional ocean partnership priorities, with a focus on marine planning activities, and
    - 2) support for development and operations for Regional Ocean Partnerships (ROP).
- FY 12 funding announcement pending





# FY11 Regional Ocean Partnership Grants: Projects Selected for Funding

## **Northeast**

- Develop first stage regional ocean plan

## **Mid-Atlantic Region**

- Enhance MARCO

## **Alaska**

- Stakeholder – driven

## **South Atlantic**

- Regional alliance and framework for regional planning

## **Caribbean**

- Development of a new ROP

## **Gulf of Mexico**

- Continue work on GOMA Priority Issues

## **Hawaii**

- Stakeholder engagement and develop sub-ROP

## **Pacific Islands**

- Development of a new ROP

# Questions?

